

REMARKS

As indicated above, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species b (Figures 8 and 9; Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9) with traverse with respect to Species c (Figure 10) only.

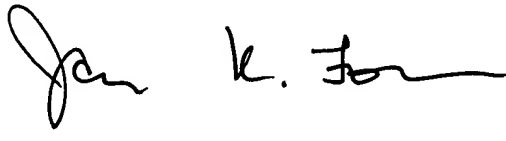
Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to make out a *prima facie* case that, if the claims of both Species b and Species c were to be examined together, there would be a serious burden imposed upon the Examiner. See M.P.E.P § 803.

To the contrary, it appears as though no serious burden exists because the same, or a very similar, search is required for a proper examination of Species b and Species c. Further, no additional claims are included if non-elected Species c is examined with Species b. This is the case because Species c, as represented by Figure 10, relates to the same concept as Species b, as represented by Figures 8 and 9. More specifically, both Figure 10 and Figures 8 and 9 relate to intermittent control. Therefore, minimal, if any, additional searching is believed to be required if Species c were to be examined with elected Species b. Additionally, as Species b has already been provisionally elected, the addition of a search for Species c would not add a single claim to the pending application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that a search of both Species b and Species c would most likely not pose a serious burden upon the Examiner.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Election of Species Requirement, as applied between Species b and Species c, be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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